

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
April 15, 2011**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, April 15, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha Sauls, Ph.D., President
Carol Webb, Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President
F. Karl Douglass, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General
Dianne Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2011 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Robert Fay and Dr. Majid Shams

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rule Hearing:

Rule 510-3-.02(a) (3) - Licensure by Endorsement

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE 510-3-.02, QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, PARAGRAPH (a) (3)

Purpose: The purpose of these rule amendment is to add and clarify a qualification of licensure by endorsement.

Main Features: The amended rule adds the amended definition of “residency” in rule 510-2-.04(4)a) to the degree doctoral requirements of an applicant by endorsement by an individual licensed over ten years.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-3, LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, SUBCHAPTER .02, QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, PARAGRAPH (a)(3)

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

510-3-.02 Qualification of Applicants. Amended.

Endorsement may be granted to a psychologist who satisfies one of the alternatives delineated below. In the event the applicant cannot satisfy one of these alternatives, he/she may apply for licensure by examination.

(a) Alternative for a psychologist **who has been licensed for less than 10 years:**

1. The current overall licensure standards in the jurisdiction where the applicant is currently licensed must not be lower than those of Georgia.
2. An information/verification form from the jurisdiction of licensure must be submitted to the Georgia Board. It must show that the applicant's license is current and that it is in good standing.
3. The applicant's original licensure must have been based on an earned doctoral degree in applied psychology which met the residency requirement as defined in 510-2-.04(4) (a).
4. The applicant must have attained a score on the national licensing examination equal to or greater than the standard passing score set by ASPPB or received an ABPP diploma by examination.
5. The applicant must have obtained a passing score on the Georgia jurisprudence examination.
6. The applicant must have passed an oral examination based on a work sample, which was generated in the six months prior to the examination or within six months of the most recent professional practice.
7. The applicant must have completed a postdoctoral supervised work experience (SWE), as previously defined, or its equivalent. For the purposes of this rule, equivalent work experience is deemed to be:
 - (i) Three years of full time practice (at least 30 hours per week for 50 weeks per year), in an organized setting where supervision and collaboration were provided; or
 - (ii) Licensure as a psychologist in another jurisdiction for at least five years.

(b) Alternative for a **Senior Psychologist** (a person who has been licensed for 10 or more years):

1. The applicant must have been licensed for 10 years in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada.
2. The applicant's original licensure must have been based on an earned doctoral degree in applied psychology which met the residency requirement as defined in 510-2-.04(4) (a).
3. An information/verification form from the jurisdiction of licensure must be submitted to the Georgia Board. It must show that the applicant's license is current and that it is in good standing.
4. The applicant must have obtained a passing score on the Georgia jurisprudence examination.
5. The applicant must have passed an oral examination based on a work sample which was generated in the six months prior to the examination or within six months of the most recent professional practice.
6. The applicant must have tendered the appropriate application and fees, as required by the rules and regulations of the Board.

(c) Alternative for a person who has an earned doctoral degree in **Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology or an I/O related doctoral degree** in psychology.

1. The applicant must have five years of practiced Industrial/Organizational psychology.
2. The applicant must submit three references from psychologists, attesting to the nature of the applicants expertise, work experience, and quality of their work. At least one reference must be from a licensed psychologist.
3. The applicant must have tendered the appropriate application fees, as required by the rules and regulations of the Board.

(d) Alternative for a person who holds the **Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ)** issued by ASPPB:

1. Any person holding a CPQ will be deemed as having met all requirements for licensure in Georgia provided the following conditions are met.
 - a. An information/verification form from the jurisdiction of licensure must be submitted to the Georgia Board. It must show that the applicant's license is current and that it is in good standing.
 - b. All such applicants must successfully pass a written and oral exam on Georgia jurisprudence covering current law, rules and regulations, and general provisions.
 - c. The applicant must provide the Board with the entire CPQ file for consideration.
 - (e) The Board may in its discretion deny licensure to an applicant who has had disciplinary action taken against him or her by any licensing authority or professional organization, or whose record reflects any other matter that puts in question his or her competency to practice.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-8, 43-39-10 and 43-39-13

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 510-3-.02 (a)(3) as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed motion carried.

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-8, 43-39-10 and 43-39-13.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-8, 43-39-10 and 43-39-13 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Psychology.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Request(s):

Dana Ratsprecher, PSY002967-Rule 510-7-.03(a) (3) Inactive Status

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to deliberate on applications, oral examinations, complaints, and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were Sauls, Meck, Doverspike and Webb.

Applications:

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. A.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. W.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. S.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. M.D. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

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| 5. P.P. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 6. C.S.B. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. G.B. | Approved to sit for exam, as well as, a temporary license |
| 2. A.F. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. D.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. C.J. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 5. J.F. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. L.L. | Approved to sit for exam, as well as, a temporary license |
| 7. C.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. E.Z. | Approved to sit for exam |

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Gersh, Johnathan | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Kreth, Heather | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Luna, Amy | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Omonishi, Megumi | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Rackley, Jefferson | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Vitacco, Michael | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Wright, Kiana | Approved for licensure |

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

V.M. - Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed private consent order. None opposed, motion carried.

K.M.-Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to refer the case to the AG's office for a summary suspension. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, one recuse, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Dr. Meck updated the Board on the status of all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC110030, PSYC110032, PSYC110033, PSYC110039, PSYC110040, PSYC110044, PSYC110051 and PSYC110052

Compliant cases closed; no additional information required:

- PSYC110011, PSYC110021, PSYC110029, PSYC110034, PSYC110036, PSYC110041, and PSYC110050

Compliant cases referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- PSYC110053; PSYC110035 and PSYC110045

Complaint Cases – Close upon receipt of Docketed Board Order:

- PSYC100058, PSYC110004 PSYC110042, PSYC110043 and PSYC110046

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to refer the following cases to the Attorney General's Office for summary suspension. None opposed, motion carried.

- PSYC110048 and PSYC110049

Complaint cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC110025

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report Cont'd.

Dr. Sauls updated the Board on the status of the following complaint case. Dr. Meck is recused from all Board discussion involving the complaint.

- PSYC110047

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented by Dr. Sauls. None opposed, one recuse, motion carried

Additional Business:

1. David P. Matthews, PSY001372
 - a. **Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to deny the open records request by Mr. Robert Monerief Jr. None opposed, motion carried.**
2. The Board met with Craig Fluck, Examination Division to review the preparations for the upcoming Item Analysis workshop.

There being no further business, Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 2:40 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D.

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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